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Parsons pic on dating ad 'disgusting'

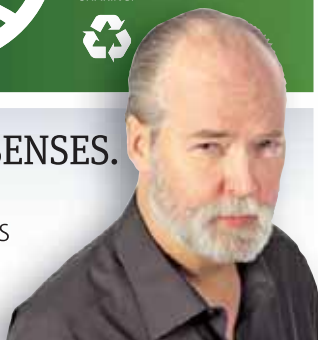
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'This is an honest error'

Nova Scotia NDP admit to giving pollsters wrong names of rival candidates **PAGE 6**

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The scene following a collision between a VIA Rail train and city bus in Ottawa's west end Wednesday. The crash left six dead and dozens more injured. Story, page 7.

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Residents oppose Otter Lake changes

Landfill. Many worried about environment, angry over proposal to remove front-end sorting, stabilization processes

Tensions during a community meeting about changes to the Otter Lake landfill came to a head on Wednesday night when area councillor Reg Rankin called the process "a betrayal."

Rankin emphasized the community had signed a contract with the city 15 years ago that guaranteed Otter Lake would get environmental protection in the form of a waste-stabilization facility (WSF) and front-end processor (FEP).

"That's a betrayal ... you

have on the table," Rankin said during a meeting on potentially closing the WFS and FEP.

"I do not trust this administration," Rankin said, drawing loud cheers and a standing ovation from the crowd of nearly 500.

Gord Helm, manager of solid resources, said alternatives include raising the height of landfill cells or bringing all compost, recycling and garbage to the Otter Lake site.

Resident Scott Guthrie said he was worried the cell liners might rip with more garbage, and waste could enter the nearby river.

"I want to continue to drink my well water, thank you very much," Guthrie said.

Helm said one-third of the waste going into the landfill is organic material like potato peels that get missed by the

stabilization process.

"I would say the system isn't working," Helm said.

Joe Mann, contract administrator for Otter Lake, spoke during the meeting and said Helm's comment was "just not factually correct."

Mann said anything smaller than six inches falls through a hole in the sorting process and is properly stabilized.

"That's one heck of a big potato if it gets by a six-inch hole," Mann said. "We get the odd turnip, but we get those (too) because we have people at the end of the ... line who inspect the material."

Mann said nearly half of the waste in Otter Lake is recyclable, and the city should develop a "targeted" effort to get more people separating waste properly at home.

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Phantom transfer?

\$500K in lost ticket revenue 'shameful': Coun.

Municipal Coun. Gloria McCluskey says the muddled transfer of the Metro Centre's ticket vendor to Trade Centre Limited is "shameful" and has cost the city more than \$500,000.

McCluskey was responding to an operational review of the Metro Centre by accounting firm Grant Thornton.

HRM commissioned the review following a report from the auditor general that raised concerns about the creation of Ticket Atlantic.

In 2007, the Metro Centre's ticket service Box Office was transferred to Crown corporation Trade Centre Limited's Ticket Atlantic. But neither the Metro Centre nor Trade Centre were able to provide documents to support the approval of the transfer.

The report from Grant Thornton said the municipality has "foregone" an average of \$84,000 a year in ticket revenue since the transfer — nearly \$504,000 in total.

"We can't blame the Trade Centre for this.... We had staff at the time that didn't even know or care what was happening," said McCluskey at an audit and finance committee meeting on Wednesday. "We should have had more money than we did have. Does the public know that?"

"It's shameful what took place here."

The staff report, which recommends entering into negotiations with Trade Centre about the commission received from Ticket Atlantic, will now go to council. **ALY THOMSON/METRO**



Patrons browse items at Hilltribe on Barrington Street Wednesday. The city is considering changes to the way it calculates commercial property taxes in hopes of better supporting small business. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

HRM looking to change commercial tax formula

Business. Audit and finance committee has sent issue to council

The municipality is looking at changing the way it calculates commercial property taxes to improve predictability and prevent big spikes every year.

The proposal calls for taxes to be based on a three-year average of property assessments rather than one year, reducing drastic increases caused by a hot real-estate market or lack of data about the area.

The audit and finance committee recommended Wednesday that council look into the

legislative changes that would allow the use of averaging.

But staff have also been asked to determine how the change would impact small businesses and whether there is a better alternative.

Coun. Tim Outhit asked for a staff report investigating, among other things, how other municipalities are supporting small businesses through tax incentives.

"If this doesn't help small business, then it makes me less enthusiastic," he said.

Coun. Barry Dalrymple said council should consider lowering tax rates for small businesses across the board.

"If we want to keep growing the HRM ... I think lower tax

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"I would be very willing to consider a lower tax rate for small businesses."

Coun. Barry Dalrymple

rates for small businesses is the way to go," he said.

Some councillors doubted the averaging system entirely, including Coun. Stephen Adams, who said it could negatively affect not only small businesses, but also new ones.

"Clearly, something needs to change, and I think that's why we're here. Something's got to give," said Adams. "But

what would be wrong with freezing the assessments or eliminating assessments?"

Mayor Mike Savage agreed the proposed changes need further scrutiny.

"If you want to encourage an area that has different kinds of interesting small businesses then you have to do something that encourages that rather than just drive them out of the marketplace," said Savage. "I think we need to at least look at other options."

Staff said that businesses growing quickly would benefit from assessment averaging, whereas businesses with slow growth would not benefit as much.

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Joe DiPenta. Hockey star returning to Halifax as head of awareness group

Stanley Cup champion Joe DiPenta will soon be back in Halifax to lead the local chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada (LLSC).

On Wednesday, the society announced that DiPenta is the group's new executive director. He'll join six other staff members at their Hollis Street office.

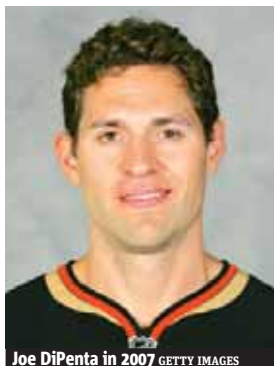
"LLSC opened its doors in Atlantic Canada in January 2011 and is proud to have Joe joining in as executive director," the society said in a release Wednesday.

DiPenta wasn't available for comment Wednesday.

The Cole Harbour native and former Mooseheads defenceman played in the NHL for 11 seasons and spent time in Europe with the Swedish Elite League.

He won the Stanley Cup with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007 and was the first person to tour Cole Harbour with the trophy, a few years before Sidney Crosby brought the mug home himself.

DiPenta retired from professional hockey two years ago,



Joe DiPenta in 2007 GETTY IMAGES

and finished a bachelor of arts degree in communication studies from California State University in May.

According to DiPenta's on-line resumé, he graduated with an emphasis in "conflict management and persuasive speaking."

In his new role, DiPenta will help organize Halifax campaigns such as Light the Night, Team in Training, school programs and patient services, said the release. **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

Caution. Dartmouth residents warned about break-and-enter spree

Halifax police are warning Dartmouth residents about a rash of nighttime break and enters, many at the homes of senior citizens.

A release from Halifax Regional Police issued Wednesday states there have been four break and enters in the Commodore Park area over the last two weeks. The homes were on Skeena Street, Veterans Avenue and Valleyfield Road.

Most of the victims were seniors and most incidents happened during the night when

the residents were asleep, but police say there's no evidence the suspects are specifically targeting seniors.

The suspects entered the home forcibly in every case.

Police are reminding residents to always lock windows and doors, and contact police about any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood.

Anyone with information about the break-ins is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

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House gutted

Fire destroys Southampton home

A man and woman are temporarily homeless after an early morning fire gutted their home in Southampton, N.S.

The fire was reported just after 5 a.m. Wednesday at 8535 Route 302, about 20 kilometres south of Amherst. **METRO**

Service recognition

Veteran police officers awarded

Hundreds of veteran police officers have been recognized with the sixth annual Nova Scotia Police Long Service Awards. Deputy justice minister Judith Ferguson presented 235 active and retired police officers from across mainland Nova Scotia with awards for 15 and 25 consecutive years of service. **METRO**

Basking in the sunrays of the last summer days

A Great Blue Heron sits on a dock in the Northwest Arm basking in the warm sun on Wednesday.

JEFF HARPER/METRO



Use of Parsons' photo shows online privacy lacking: Expert

Unaware. Dating website administrator says he didn't know the story behind teen before her photo was used on the site

The use of Rehtaeh Parsons' photo in dating ads posted on Facebook is upsetting but ultimately an inevitable reality of social media, an expert in Internet and privacy law said Wednesday.

Robert Currie of Dalhousie University said companies are increasingly using automated programs that rip photos from websites, and it was only a matter of time before an image of the 17-year-old

girl wound up somewhere it shouldn't have.

"It's another example of how little control anyone has over any image once it gets out into the Internet sphere," said Currie, director of the university's Law and Technology Institute.

"It really seems to me to be an unfortunate accident that is causing a lot of grief and heartbreak ... but it's just the kind of thing that is going to happen."

The ads for Lonechat.com featured pictures of Parsons under the heading, "Find Love in Canada! Meet Canadian girls and women for friendship, dating or relationships."

Parsons hanged herself in April and was taken off life-support days later. Her family says her death was brought



Rehtaeh Parsons METRO FILE

so-called image scraper.

"I'm a foreigner, so I didn't even know her name and the story," Dung wrote in an email.

"I feel so guilty, I sincerely apologize."

Parsons's father, Glen Canning, said the photos should never have been used.

"Given the circumstances of her death and the grief we've gone through, it was pretty disturbing and disgusting to see something like that," he said in an interview.

Facebook apologized for the ads, saying they were a "gross violation" of the company's policies and have been removed.

It also said Lonechat.com has been banned from advertising on its website.

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on by months of bullying following an alleged sexual assault.

The administrator of Lonechat.com, Anh Dung, said the photos in the ads were taken from Google by a

'Suspicious fire' leads to two arrests

A suspicious fire at a home in Spryfield led to the arrests of two men, but police are still looking for the people responsible for setting the fire.

Police received a call about a suspicious fire at 61 Williams Lake Rd. around 6 a.m. Wednesday. Halifax Regional Firefighters doused the small fire quickly, and no one was hurt.

Investigators quickly determined that an accelerant was used to start the fire, but a police spokesperson wouldn't confirm whether the home was firebombed.

"I won't be able to comment on that right now,"

said Const. Pierre Bourdages. "For us it's referred to as a suspicious fire."

Witnesses reported seeing two people in hoodies running towards Purcell's Cove Road after the fire broke out, but K9 officers were unable to find the suspects.

While investigating the fire, police carried out a search warrant at the house and seized a firearm, ammunition, bulletproof vest, and sensory irritant.

Two men were taken into custody for questioning, but no charges had been laid by Wednesday evening.

Bourdages said it's not



Police investigate a suspicious fire at 61 Williams Lake Rd. on Wednesday morning. JEFF HARPER/METRO

clear yet whether the arson was a random act.

"At this time, we don't know," he said. "We don't

have a connection yet ... it's too early to make a determination."

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N.S. NDP gave polling firm wrong names of rival candidates in two ridings

Probe. Elections N.S. investigating phone surveys that gave voters the wrong names of Tory and Liberal candidates

The Nova Scotia NDP provided a polling firm it hired to survey voter preferences during the election campaign with the incorrect names of two opposition candidates in two ridings, party officials said Wednesday.

NDP campaign manager Jill Marzetti said the party mistakenly gave Forum Research the wrong name of the Liberal candidate for a telephone poll of residents in the riding of Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

Marzetti said the NDP provided the Toronto-based company information based on a dated list of potential

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"Polling is expensive ... and nobody would waste it in that fashion."

Premier Darrell Dexter on why his party wouldn't deliberately use faulty information

candidates.

Elections Nova Scotia has launched an investigation.

"We've said this is an honest error because of not having the right list," said Marzetti.

Marzetti said NDP officials were checking into a similar problem in the riding of Timberlea-Prospect. A party spokesman later confirmed that the name of the 2009 Progressive Conservative candidate was given to Forum Research.

Marzetti said NDP officials would call voters who took part in the surveys, apologize for the error and provide them with the correct candi-

From Anonymous

Emails ruled non-criminal

Halifax police have concluded there was nothing criminal about two emails sent to the NDP. The party issued a statement Tuesday saying it received emails, purportedly from the activist group Anonymous, that it considered threatening. The first accused the party of manipulating political discussions on social media by using automated accounts and paid staff to spread misinformation. Another said the NDP had 72 hours to stop the alleged tactics or additional information will be released.

date names.

During a campaign stop earlier in the day, Premier



Premier Darrell Dexter seen through a phone camera on a campaign stop. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Darrell Dexter denied his party was trying to suppress the vote by using faulty polling information.

"Polling is expensive ... and nobody would waste it in that fashion," he said.

Liberal candidate Kelly Regan noted the Liberal can-

didate in the Truro riding, Barry Mellish, was nominated well in advance of the Sept. 7 election call.

"To me there is no reason why that (mistake) would have happened," said Regan. The Liberals later confirmed Mellish was nominated on

Feb. 24.

Tara Erskine, the chairwoman of the Progressive Conservative campaign, said the party was considering filing a complaint with Elections Nova Scotia over what happened in Timberlea-Prospect. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Low-income seniors

Leaders promise hearing aid help, HST cuts, programs on kid intervention

On the campaign trail Wednesday, Premier Darrell Dexter announced that the NDP would help cover the costs of hearing aids for up to 6,000 low-income seniors

if re-elected.

He said the party would set aside \$4 million annually for the program beginning in the spring of 2016, and it would provide a maximum of \$500 for one hearing aid and \$1,000 for two for each person eligible.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie was in Sydney Mines, where he reiterated his party's plan to cut the harmonized

sales tax by two percentage points, a move he says would save each Nova Scotia taxpayer almost \$1,800 over four years.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said his commitment to spend \$2.6 million on early childhood support services would be used in early intervention programs for children up to six years of age with special needs.

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A little too close for comfort

Metro Transit supervisors take stock of an accident early Wednesday afternoon in which a bus and car collided on the off ramp from the Circumferential Highway to MicMac Boulevard in Dartmouth. CONTRIBUTED



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A VIA Rail train and a city bus collided in Ottawa's west end on Wednesday. A police spokesman said officers responded to the call at 8:48 a.m. TERRY PEDWELL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Passengers watch in horror as bus barrels into train

Ottawa. Impact kills driver, five passengers as witnesses view it all in disbelief

Passengers aboard a double-decker bus screamed "Stop! Stop!" as the driver plowed through a flashing level crossing and into a passing VIA Rail train Wednesday morning, killing at least six people and injuring many more.

The horrific collision sheared off the front of the bus and knocked the VIA locomotive and one of four passenger cars off the tracks.

Police confirmed six dead, while several area hospitals were flooded by 31 patients, including 11 in critical condition.

"People started screaming, 'Stop, stop!' because they could see the train coming down the track," said student Tanner Trepanier, who was on the upper level of the new, double-decker OC Transpo bus.

"There was a lot of scream-

Unforeseen disaster

"We've lost six of our neighbours, people who started off this ... sunny day as we all did, heading from their homes and loved ones to go about their daily lives."

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, in a Wednesday afternoon press conference

ing, but then people were actually relatively calm, considering the situation," Trepanier said of the aftermath.

"He must have lost his brakes," said Pascal Lolgis, who saw the bus go through the barrier. "Or he had an ... attack or whatever.... He just didn't stop."

"I was just looking around, just watching things happen," said another witness, Mark Cogan, who agreed the barrier was down.

"I just thought maybe there's a side way around or something, but instantly ... he went through the guard rail and just hammered the train and then it was just mayhem."

Ottawa police spokesman Marc Soucy said officers responded at 8:48 a.m. Rescue crews swarmed over the man-

gled wreckage as ambulances, fire trucks and police vehicles flooded the scene.

The injured passengers who could walk were taken to a second bus on the opposite side of the tracks to be treated.

The accident occurred just outside a suburban Via station in the west end. The train tracks in the area cross both a major city street and a transit line reserved for buses only.

At a press conference, Mayor Jim Watson summed up the shock of the crash and its effect on the community.

"The sorrow that we all feel is deep and I'm sure shared by all residents of Ottawa, and in fact all of Canada," he said.

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A man carries a young child away from the wreck. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sixth victim

Bus driver a 'very nice guy'

As family and friends mourn the death of five passengers, a Gloucester family is grieving the sixth victim: bus driver Dave Woodard.

People who know the family said the driver's relatives were traumatized by the news.

Reached by phone, a neighbour expressed disbelief that Woodard was behind the wheel.

"He was a very nice guy," said the woman, who didn't want her name published.

"I was just speaking with him yesterday and it just blew me away when I heard he was the driver."

Woodard had 10 years of experience as an OC Transpo bus driver.

"He was a great neighbour," she said.

"Very personable, would talk to anybody. I'm sure he would give you the shirt off his back if he could."

JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA

Investigation

Piecing the facts together

Transit officials gathered evidence and began to piece together what led to the collision Wednesday.

Glen Pilon, lead investigator for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, said recording equipment could detail the speed the vehicles were travelling, whether they braked before impact and whether they were working properly to determine what caused the crash.

Passenger Gregory Mech was on the second level of the bus and described the impact that killed driver Dave Woodard and five passengers.

"My personal assessment was that he did not brake. Others said he broke a second before impact," he said.

"We were all thrown forward," he said, "but as the train was going through the crossing it was still moving forward... We had a left-right shake."

Mech added that an 80- to 90-degree turn in the road before the rail crossing may have been a contributing factor.

"You don't see the crossing until you complete the curve," he said.

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Blake Loates, an Edmonton photographer whose sister is developmentally disabled, was shocked to see the words "you retard" stamped on the underside of a Vitamin Water bottle cap. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO IN EDMONTON

Coca-Cola apologizes for 'you retard' cap

'Shocked.' Edmonton woman, whose sister is developmentally disabled, discovers 'R-word' on bottle of Vitamin Water

Coca-Cola apologized Wednesday to the family of an Alberta woman who was shocked to unscrew a bottle of the company's Vitamin Water and find the words "you retard" printed inside the cap.

Edmonton-based photographer Blake Loates said she and her husband discovered the cap while out for dinner on Tuesday night.

"We were both pretty shocked," she said.

What makes the situation even more upsetting to Loates is that her younger sister Fiona is living with cerebral palsy and autism, and Loates was taught that

the "R-word" is completely unacceptable.

"The R-word is just something we don't say in my family," said Loates. "My dad is quite upset and is on a rampage."

Her father, Doug Loates, who lives in Tacoma, Wash. with twin 11-year-old daughters Fiona and Maddi, stayed up all night writing letters to Coca-Cola, looking for an explanation for the offensive cap.

"I am astonished that a major corporation could allow someone to tarnish their brand," he said. "Not everyone in Canada speaks French — like my daughter Blake."

The caps are part of a promotion run by the company, displaying a random English word followed by a random French word. "Retard" in French means lateness or delay.

Since the issue was brought to Coca-Cola, the company has been in touch

with the Loates family to offer an apology.

"We did not mean to offend at all," said Shannon Denny, director of brand communications for Coca-Cola Refreshment Canada. "We are certainly very apologetic for this oversight."

While Denny said the words were reviewed before going out to store shelves, they were reviewed in their French context, not in both French and English.

"When you look at the same word in English, it takes an offensive connotation," Denny said.

The process of matching the English and French words is supposed to be completely random, according to Denny, and the chances of those two words being paired together was slim.

David Thomson, vice-president of still beverages for Coca-Cola, said the remaining caps in their fa-

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"The R-word is just something we don't say in my family. My dad is quite upset and is on a rampage."

Blake Loates, an Edmonton photographer, who discovered the words "you retard" under the cap of a bottle of Vitamin Water.

cilities have now been destroyed.

"We have learned from this and it was a mistake," he said. "At no point in time did we intend on offending anyone by any stretch, and we have cancelled and moved on and have dealt with this as soon as possible."

Thomson said he will be drafting a formal apology letter to the Loates family that will also detail the course of action they will take to correct the situation. **CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO IN EDMONTON**

Former army commander is Trudeau's latest star recruit

Justin Trudeau has begun showcasing a new Liberal team, with some surprise stars emerging.

Retired general Andrew Leslie, former commander of Canadian army, is the latest recruit.

He has agreed to co-chair an advisory council on international affairs for the Liberal leader and is not ruling out running for the party in the 2015 election.

Leslie's appointment comes a day after Trudeau named Chrystia Freeland — a former journalist, internationally acclaimed author and the party's candidate in the coming Toronto Centre byelection — as co-chair of an advisory council on the economy.

More big names — primarily people previously not associated with the Liberal party — are expected to be added to the team, in various capacities, over the coming weeks.

Behind the scenes, Tru-



Gen. Andrew Leslie in 2008
BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

deau's operatives have been putting huge emphasis on candidate recruitment, in a bid to infuse the party with fresh blood and demonstrate the new leader's ability to reach outside the traditional Liberal base.

They are also hoping to compensate for Trudeau's

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"The only national leader who stood up and articulated my views in a clear and convincing fashion was Justin (Trudeau), who said that the proposed draft charter is not what Canadians want or need."

Gen. Andrew Leslie

lack of experience by surrounding him with a team that boasts expertise in areas in which he may be perceived to be weak, such as the economy and foreign affairs.

"We will continue to draw in extraordinary people onto the Liberal team," Trudeau said Wednesday after announcing Leslie's appointment.

After 35 years in uniform, Leslie said his decision to join the Liberals came abruptly a few weeks ago, when news first leaked out about the Quebec government's proposed charter of values, which would ban public servants from wear-

ing any conspicuous religious symbols.

"The only national leader who stood up and articulated my views in a clear and convincing fashion was Justin, who said that the proposed draft charter is not what Canadians want or need," Leslie said.

"It's divisive and discriminatory. At that moment, I knew I was a member of his team."

Although Leslie himself has been scrupulously non-partisan until now, Liberalism runs in his family. Both his grandfathers served as defence ministers in Liberal governments.

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Pro-rape chant. UBC society to donate \$250K for counselling, education

A University of British Columbia undergraduate society involved in a frosh week chant glorifying the abuse of underage girls has pledged to contribute \$250,000 for sexual-abuse counselling and education for students.

The university released a report Wednesday about the incident, saying student leaders of the Commerce Undergraduate Society will be held accountable because they did nothing to stop the offensive chant heard by most first-year business students.

However, the report found no evidence that any of the student leaders involved planned or directed students to use the chant, though four of them resigned over the scandal last week. The report called the chant an "oral tradition."

The song students sang on buses going back and forth to the university from a hotel in Richmond, B.C., spelled out the word "young" with the lyrics, "Y is for your sister ... U is for underage, N is for no consent."

Robert Helsley, dean at the Sauder School of Business, said he will ensure such inappropriate events never happen again so all students can feel safe and welcome.

The entire UBC community must embark on lasting change that will make such chants unacceptable, said university president Stephen Toope.

"We all need to be involved — those who made serious mistakes and misjudgments, and those who didn't," he said in a statement.

Toope has appointed Louise Cowin, the vice-president of students, to lead a task force to come up with broader measures to address the problem.

Cowin said the task force, which will report back to Toope by early next year, will bring together academic experts in sexualized violence to consider what the university can do to make "transformative and robust change."

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Beautiful and pious, World Muslimah crowned

World Muslimah 2012 Nina Septiani of Indonesia, right, crowns Obabiya Aishah Ajibola of Nigeria after being named World Muslimah 2013 during the third Annual Award of World Muslimah in Jakarta, Indonesia, Wednesday. The annual pageant, held exclusively for Muslim women, assessed not only contestants' appearance but also their piety and religious knowledge. DITA ALANGKARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No quick compromises on charter-values plan: PQ

The Parti Quebecois government appears to be digging in its heels on its controversial religion plan and preparing for an extended debate.

Statements from ministers today suggest the PQ has no intention of watering down the plan for speedy passage in the current minority legislature.

One day after a minister expressed a willingness to "improve" the charter, the government suggested the changes it envisioned would be minor and would not dilute its basic elements.

While the third party in the legislature is offering to negotiate a deal on a bill, the minister spearheading the proposed Charter of Values says he prefers to put it to Quebecers.

A website set up for the

'Social crisis'

The PQ response came a day after Coalition Leader Francois Legault urged the government to accept a watered-down version of the charter and spare the province a "social crisis."

- Drainville said it's premature to begin talks with the opposition parties while public debate is ongoing and the bill has not yet been tabled.

proposed rules has already received 10,000 comments and Bernard Drainville, the minister responsible for democratic reforms, told a news confer-

ence the debate could continue for many "weeks."

He welcomed the Coalition party's offer but Drainville said he didn't want to upset the public.

"It's a debate that's too important," Drainville said on Wednesday.

"We have to leave Quebecers the time. These are their values."

Since the charter appears stalled in its current form, in the present minority legislature, the PQ appears to have two basic options: strip it down to pass it quickly, or preserve it for possible use later as an election promise.

The PQ expressed little eagerness Wednesday to pass it quickly.

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France's pretty little girls may be denied a stage

Move to ban beauty pageants for children.

After all, there are no mini-Mr. contests, lawmaker says

France's Senate has voted to ban beauty pageants for children under 16, in an effort to protect girls from being sexualized too early.

Anyone who enters a child into such a contest would face up to two years in prison and 30,000 euros in fines. A pageant organizer lamented that the move was too severe.

The Senate approved the measure 197-146 overnight, as an amendment to a law on women's rights. The legislation must go to the lower house of parliament for further debate and another vote.

"At this age, you need to concentrate on acquiring knowledge. Yet with mini-Miss competitions and other demonstrations, we are fixing the projectors on their physical appearance," said conservative lawmaker Chantal Jouanno, who authored the amendment.

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Oceane Scharre, 10, elected Mini Miss France 2011, is seen with Miss France 2011 Mathilde Florin. France's Senate voted Tuesday to ban beauty pageants for children under 16. MINI MISS COMMITTEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Clever pickpockets

Going incognito with fanny packs, comfy shoes and digital SLRs

French police have arrested a gang of pickpockets who dressed like tourists in order to target visitors to Paris's most famous museums and monuments.

The group was sophisticated, dangling cameras from their necks to blend in, always buying entry tickets and slipping away unnoticed. They operated at the Louvre, the Musee d'Orsay, the Eiffel Tower and the Chateau de Versailles, bringing in as much as \$2,700 per day by grabbing the wallets of tourists, according to Commissioner Stephane Gouaud. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain. Pragmatic ruling brings compromise to heated religious debate

In Britain this week, a judge struck a blow for religious freedom. Or for secularism. It depends on whom you ask.

Judge Peter Murphy ruled that a female Muslim defendant may stand trial wearing a face-covering veil — but must remove it when giving evidence. The compromise ruling had some insisting it backs a woman's religious right to wear the veil, and others saying it shows British justice remains independent and won't bow to religious demands.

The case has reignited a debate about Muslim veils that has flared across Europe, sparking protests and exacerbating religious tensions in several countries. Those ten-



Veiled mannequins at a Muslim World Fair exhibition in Le Bourget, France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

sions exist in Britain, too, and attacks on Muslims and mosques rose after the May slaying of an off-duty British soldier by Islamist extremists.

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Greece: Clashes erupt after stabbing

Athens. Neo-Nazi political party Golden Dawn violent act not an isolated incident

Violent clashes broke out in several Greek cities Wednesday after a hip-hop singer described as an anti-

fascist activist was stabbed to death by a man who said he belonged to the far-right Golden Dawn party.

The death of Pavlos Fyssas, 34, drew condemnation from across Greece's political spectrum and abroad.

While the extremist Golden Dawn has been blamed for numerous violent attacks in the past, the

overnight stabbing is the most serious violence so far directly attributed to a member.

Fyssas died in a state hospital early Wednesday after being stabbed twice outside a cafe in the Keratsini area west of Athens.

Police said a 45-year-old man arrested at the scene admitted to attacking Fys-

sas and said he belonged to Golden Dawn. A knife with traces of blood was found near his car.

Clashes broke out Wednesday evening between riot police and thousands of protesters holding anti-fascist demonstrations in Fyssas' memory in Keratsini and another five cities.

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Protesters clash with Riot Police during a protest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. firearms debate. Starbucks says guns not welcome, but not banned

Starbucks has always tried to set itself apart by taking strong positions on progressive political issues. Now that reputation has landed the company in the middle of the heated national debate over gun laws.

On Thursday, the Seattle-based company will run full-page ads in major newspapers, telling customers that guns are no longer welcome in its cafes. But Starbucks is stopping short of an outright ban.

"We are not pro-gun or anti-gun," CEO Howard Schultz said in an interview.

He said he hopes people will honour the request not to bring in guns but says the company will nevertheless serve those who do.

"We will not ask you to leave," he said.

The move comes as the company finds itself at the centre of a fight it didn't start. In recent months, gun control advocates have been pressuring Starbucks to ban firearms, while supporters of gun rights have celebrated the company's decision to defer to local laws. About a

Let's talk numbers

- In 2012, the coffee company brought in over \$13 billion in total annual revenue, operating across 55 countries

month ago, Starbucks shut down a store in Newtown, Conn. early to avoid a demonstration by gun rights advocates. They had planned to stage a "Starbucks Appreciation Day," bringing their firearms and turning the company into an unwitting supporter of gun rights.

But for some, support for firearms runs counter to the Starbucks image. Part of the brand's attraction is the company's liberal views on environmental issues and health-care benefits.

Yet with over 7,000 company-owned stores across the country — in red states and blue — Starbucks is being forced to tread carefully with its special blend of politics and commerce.

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Richmond, Virginia

Facebook 'like' is free speech, U.S. appeal court rules

Clicking "Like" on Facebook is constitutionally protected free speech and can be considered the 21st century equivalent of a campaign yard sign, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond reversed a lower court ruling that said merely "liking" a Facebook page was insuffi-

cient speech to merit constitutional protection.

Exactly what a "like" means — if anything — played a part in a Virginia case involving six people who say Hampton Sheriff B.J. Roberts fired them for supporting an opponent in his 2009 re-election bid, which he won. The workers sued, saying their First Amendment rights were violated.

The ruling protects free speech regardless of venue, whether a sentiment is expressed in the physical world or online.

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Egypt. Ousted leader tells family he's in good health in first talk since detention

Egypt's ousted president, Mohammed Morsi, told his wife and children he is in good health in his first conversation with his family since the military removed him from office and detained him in a secret location more than two months ago, one of his lawyers said Wednesday.

The phone calls were an apparent gesture by the military as authorities prepare to put Morsi on trial on charges of inciting the killing of protesters during his year in office — though no date for the trial has been set. Morsi's legal team has so far not been able to talk to him, said the lawyer, Mostafa Attayah.

The trial of Egypt's first freely elected president is one link in a wide-scale crack-down on his Muslim Brotherhood that has eviscerated its leadership and much of its crucial mid-level organizers. More than 2,000 jailed



Mohammed Morsi

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Brotherhood members are facing potential prosecution in multiple cases.

Members of the Brotherhood's legal team say the process so far has been confused and opaque, with their lawyers given little access to their clients.

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Central China. Woman survives 16 days in a well on corn, rainwater

A woman stranded for 16 days in an abandoned well in central China said Wednesday that she shouted for help every day and began to lose hope, but that she managed to survive on raw corn and rainwater.

Su Qixiu, 48, was gathering herbs when she fell into the 4-metre-deep well in a village in Henan province on Sept. 1. Her husband and children unsuccessfully searched for her, but she was finally found Monday by a passer-by, state media reported.

"I shouted every day in those 16 days. And spoke a lot of nonsense. I was scared and felt hopeless," said Su, who was speaking slowly and weakly in

Survival mode

"I ate some corn. It rained and I drank some rain, but not much."

48-year-old Su Qixiu, who was rescued by a firefighter after falling into a well

a telephone interview with The Associated Press from her hospital bed.

Su said she lost around 33 pounds during her ordeal and now weighed around 88-99 pounds.

She said she was walking past a cornfield but couldn't see the road clearly and fell into the well. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australia

Lawyer confirms mom who drowned kids killed herself

The lawyer for a mother who drowned her two children in a bathtub in rural Alberta says the woman had become emotional at the christening of a friend's new baby before she killed herself in Australia.

Peter Royal says Allyson

McConnell was also upset about the Alberta Crown's upcoming appeal of her manslaughter conviction.

McConnell's trial heard that she was depressed and suicidal when she drowned her two young sons in the town of Millet, south of Edmonton, in 2010.

She served 15 months in a psychiatric hospital before she was deported back to her native Australia in April.

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Gunman visited hospital ER weeks before rampage

Navy Yard shooting.

Aaron Alexis wasn't stripped of security clearance despite mental illness

The Washington Navy Yard gunman visited two hospitals in the weeks before the rampage but did not say he was depressed or having thoughts of harming himself or others, the Veterans Affairs Department said Wednesday.

Aaron Alexis, a former Navy reservist who killed 12 people Monday before being slain in a police shootout, complained of insomnia during an Aug. 23 emergency room visit at the VA Medical Center in Providence, R.I. He was given sleep medication and was advised to follow up with a doctor.

He made a similar visit five days later to the VA hospital in Washington, when he again complained of not being able to sleep because of his schedule. His medication was refilled.

Law enforcement officials have said the 34-year-old man was grappling with paranoia, hearing voices and convinced he was being followed.

Two weeks before his ER visit, he complained to police in Rhode Island that people were talking to him through the walls of his hotel room and sending microwave vibrations into his body to deprive him of



Melinda Downs sheds tears as she speaks about her friendship with Aaron Alexis during an interview Tuesday in Fort Worth, Texas. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sleep. Newport police alerted the naval station, and they did not hear from him again.

Meanwhile, Alexis's mother said Wednesday she does not know why her son opened fire at the Navy Yard.

"Aaron is now in a place where he can no longer do harm to anyone, and for that I am glad," Cathleen Alexis said. "To the families of the victims, I am so very sorry that this has happened. My heart is broken."

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Murder weapon

On Saturday, Alexis visited Sharpshooters Small Arms Range in Lorton, Va.

- He tried to buy a handgun, but federal law prevented him from doing so because he had an out-of-state ID, the store's attorney said.
- He then bought a shotgun

and 24 shells. The law allows stores to sell shotguns and rifles to out-of-state buyers.

- Two days later, as the work week dawned, Alexis entered the sprawling Washington Navy Yard. He was equipped with his pass for base access — and the shotgun.

Keystone, climate change take centre stage in U.S. capital

U.S. President Barack Obama's sweeping climate agenda was in the spotlight on Capitol Hill on Wednesday as his two newly appointed environmental czars chided those who doubt the existence of climate change as congressional wrangling over TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline raged on.

"The evidence is overwhelming, the science is clear," Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz told a hearing of the energy and commerce committee at the House of Representatives, where a slate of Republican legislators remain skeptical about climate change.

Questions from lawmakers

to Moniz and his colleague, Gina McCarthy, head of the powerful Environmental Protection Agency, focused on upcoming greenhouse gas emissions standards for existing power plants — regulations that opponents say will have a devastating economic impact on coal-producing states.

"Man-made problems only

represent four per cent of all the emissions of the globe; natural issues represent 96 per cent," said an indignant David McKinley, a Republican from the coal state of West Virginia.

"The administration is putting our nation at risk.... This president must not prevent people ... from obtaining affordable energy and dependable

jobs."

Henry Waxman, a member of the House committee, interjected to call McKinley's remarks "incredibly inaccurate and contrary to everything else that people in the scientific community have to say."

Outside the hearing, Eric Cantor, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, said that Republicans plan to advance Keystone XL by inserting a resolution into legislation to raise the U.S. debt ceiling — the latest attempt to force the White House into green-lighting the project by attaching pro-pipeline language to bigger bills. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Republican agenda

"In the coming week, we will unveil a plan to extend our nation's ability to borrow, while delaying Obama-care and protecting working middle-class families from its horrific effects" U.S. House majority leader Eric Cantor

Make our senses sizzle

The seventh global Metro photo contest is calling on photographers to stimulate our judges' senses. This year's theme is the five senses, plus one. Photographers are invited to submit photos that illustrate each category — sight, sound, hearing, touch, taste and the sixth sense. A winner in each category will be chosen from participating countries with a global winner chosen from those photos. Among those top six photos, a grand prize winner will receive a six-day trip to Ghana with Reach for Change. Local winners, plus an overall winner for Canada, will be announced in the newspaper.

Submit photos at metrophotochallenge.com before Oct. 13, 2013



Sight: Jeanne Beker

Canadian fashion icon Jeanne Beker says her background as a mime artist taught her a picture is worth a thousand words. A photo that portrays spontaneity, elegance, drama, sensuality and charm will impress her. "I adore a photograph that tells or suggests an intriguing story," she said. "I especially love portraits."

Smell: Barb Stegemann

"I think I will find scent in a photo by going with my gut reaction," says businesswoman Barb Stegemann. "I will then close my eyes and think a bit and come back to it. That is my process with most things." She is the CEO of 7 Virtues, a perfume company that sources essential oils from legal crops in Afghanistan to provide farmers an alternative to illegal poppy crops.



Taste: John Jackson and Connie DeSousa

Co-owners and co-executive chefs of Calgary's CHARCUT Roast House, John Jackson and Connie DeSousa know what kind of photo makes you salivate. "If it's a roast chicken the skin needs to be golden brown and crisp to the eye with a warm steam lifting from it and drips of juice dripping down the side," said Jackson.

Touch: Maria Franke

Maria Franke, curator of mammals for the Toronto Zoo, is one of the few people who have touched a panda. And she knows that in the animal kingdom, things don't always feel like they look. "(Panda) hair is actually quite coarse," she said. Franke will use that experience to judge how well the sense of touch is conveyed in the photos.



Hearing: Nonna Aroutiounian

Clarinetist Nonna Aroutiounian understands how music can evoke colour and texture in your mind. So, she's hoping the photos she judges will transcend the literal representations of sound — a photo of clarinet or French horn, for example — and make her hear something wonderful.

The sixth sense: Douglas Coupland

Author and artist Douglas Coupland believes in the "sixth sense," and he'll recognize it in a photo. "There is obviously something out there. I don't know how or why it works, but we've all felt it and we all know it's real. That's the sixth sense," he said. He doesn't want a photo that just documents its subject, which, he said, would be merely "Instagram fodder."



Online privacy

LinkedIn asks to disclose FISA data

LinkedIn has asked a secret court to allow it to disclose the number of U.S. national security orders the company has received under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. On Wednesday, LinkedIn joined four other companies — Google, Microsoft, Yahoo and Facebook — that have similar cases pending before the FISA Court.

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Tax evasion

Beanie Babies creator charged

The creator of Beanie Babies stuffed animals was charged Wednesday with federal tax evasion for failing to report income earned in a secret offshore bank account, and he has agreed to pay a more than \$53 million penalty. As prosecutors in Chicago announced the charge against H. Ty Warner, his lawyer issued a statement saying the billionaire would plead guilty and pay the massive penalty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Low-key launch. BlackBerry's new phone has 5-inch screen

BlackBerry, amid minimal fanfare, unveiled another new smartphone on Wednesday, this time with a bigger screen that appears designed to attract users who want a midpoint device between a phone and tablet.

But the launch was largely overshadowed by the latest developments at its competitors and reports that the company is planning to deliver another round of major layoffs.

It's the latest setback for the company, which has been trying to regain ground in the technology market even as consumers seem to be increasingly losing interest in the brand.

The new BlackBerry Z30 comes with a five-inch screen, improved battery life and a faster processor than the models released earlier this year, and is about the same size as its competitor, the Samsung Galaxy S4. BlackBerry took a relatively low-key approach to promote the new device on Wednesday.

The phone was announced at an event in Malaysia that even chief executive officer Thorsten Heins didn't

Major layoffs ahead?

- BlackBerry could lay off as many as 5,000 employees in the coming months in an effort to return the smartphone maker to profitability, according to a media report.
- The Wall Street Journal says executives are preparing to reduce the company's staff by as much as 40 per cent before the end of the year, citing people familiar with the matter.

attend. MKM Partners analyst Mike Genovese said Malaysia is one of the few markets where BlackBerry has seen growth in recent years, and he expects that local consumers will value the larger screen more

than in North America or Europe where alternatives are aplenty. "It actually points out how limited this launch really is," Genovese said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The BlackBerry Z30 has a five-inch display, which means it's about the same size as its competitor, the Samsung Galaxy S4. COURTESY BLACKBERRY

There she blows! App aims to help ship traffic avoid whales

U.S. federal officials trying to reduce the number of whales that are struck and killed by ships sailing in and out of San Francisco Bay are testing a new smartphone application that could help locate the creatures more accurately.

The Whale Spotter app would allow sailors, fishermen and marine scientists who spot whales to plot their location on an interactive map. The maps created could then be used by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Coast Guard officials to recommend different vessel routes.

It's a crowd-sourcing approach to an old problem. John Berge, vice-president of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, said the shipping industry supported development of the app as another tool in a new arsenal being created to



A blue whale is shown near a cargo ship in the Santa Barbara Channel off the California coast.

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reduce the strikes.

"Everybody agrees that we need to try to keep whales and ships separated physically to the greatest extent possible," Berge said. "Right now, we know where the ships are, but we don't know where the whales are." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TAKE GUESSING OUT OF THE GAME

Hockey's off-season is over! What a terrible couple of weeks that was.

Without the lifeblood of hockey coursing through my veins, I was forced to have awkward conversations with friends about topics I'm not actually interested in, such as their friendship. But now that the Zamboni has had time to flood the ice not once but twice and the Chicago Blackhawks victory parade has almost wrapped up, we can drop the puck again.

The new season has many storylines that will unfold on TV screens just over my first dates' shoulders this winter, so here's a look at my predictions for the 2013-14 NHL season.

Boston Bruins forward Patrice Bergeron, who last playoffs fought through a separated shoulder, broken rib, torn rib cartilage, and a face that looked like it had been mulched, all in a losing cause, will produce a series of "For The Love Of The Game" youth-recruitment videos, causing Canadian enrolment to plummet.

The Phoenix Coyotes will celebrate their 1,000th customer. Florida Panthers goalie and Tea Partier Tim Thomas will once



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again find himself in hot water politically, when a 1983 photo surfaces showing him shaking hands with Cuban communist revolutionary Fidel Castro.

The New York Islanders, hit by years of budget constraints, will send pink slips to all their left-handed shots. Management will promise to do "more with less."

Vancouver Canucks coach John Tortorella will show a new, softer side by letting reporters finish their questions before politely explaining that their questions are stupid and they should consider another line of work, like base jumping.

This year's outdoor games (23 in all) will remind fans of a gentler, simpler time when games were played outside at an inconvenient distance for \$400 a ticket.

Newly acquired Dallas Stars forward Tyler Seguin, infamous for his partying, will run afoul of management when he's caught with an escort near the left face-off dot at the 13-minute mark of the third period.

In a hilarious gaffe that will be replayed on all of the highlight shows, a Raleigh man will accidentally pay full price for a Carolina Hurricanes ticket.

Pittsburgh Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby will transform from a whiny diver who thinks nothing of cheating and makes fans sick, to a feisty acrobat who will do anything to win and makes Canadians' hearts swell with pride, from Feb. 7 to 23 inclusive. Fans will have no explanation for the change.

The amount of hits to the head will be reduced thanks to a league-wide focus on each team's biggest players punishing transgressors by hitting them multiple times in the head.

Longtime Ottawa Senators forward Daniel Alfredsson will reveal in his first visit to the nation's capital as a member of the Detroit Red Wings, that HE WAS A SENATOR ALL ALONG, hitting Red Wings coach Mike Babcock with a folded-up metal chair before side-suplexing the entire Red Wings roster, then tearing his Red Wings sweater off to reveal the Sens logo beneath, with his face under the helmet.

The NHL Network's new Gary Bettman Isocam will capture each thrown projectile and hurled insult at every game the commissioner attends (four in all).

The Toronto Maple Leafs will win the Stanley Cup.

ZOOM

My selfie ... inside a glacier



JONATHAN TUCKER/SOLENT NEWS

Enter the azure world of a glacier

A brave photographer risked his life venturing into a cave formed by a glacier, all to capture this self-portrait in the surreal icescape. Jonathan Tucker trudged through swamps and up a mountain for more than two hours to reach Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau, Alaska, 1,550 metres above sea level. The glacier is a staggering 21.9 kilometres in length. **METRO**

Photographer's view



"The glacier is constantly melting, so you never know if the cave will collapse at any minute. It took my breath away. It was terrifying."

Jonathan Tucker, 27, landscape photographer from Whitehorse, Yukon

Ice caves

- Caves form as a glacier moves over a disorder in the ground surface and it detaches itself from the floor. The base layer reconnected with the ground layer, forming striations, thin parallel lines made up of sediment, which refreezes to the base of the glacier.
- Eisriesenwelt, in Austria, is 42 km long — the longest ice cave in the world.

Claustrophobia? Not a problem

Locals had warned Tucker that the water inside the cave was so cold he would have survived for just 10 minutes if he fell in. "I felt very claustrophobic at the beginning, but it started to pass as I was taking photos," he said. "However, I then heard a crack or movement of the glacier above me, which sounded like I was in the clouds in a thunderstorm."

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From mapping the mysteries of the mind to discovering the science of sex, there's no shortage of podcasts promoting science for the non-scientists. So rejoice, just because you don't have a PhD in molecular physics, doesn't mean you can't marvel at the mind-boggling universe. Give these three programs a listen:

Neuropod:

From the history of hypnosis to Alzheimer's origins, this podcast, found on nature.com, breaks down the science in our noggins. No background in neurology needed.

RadioLab:

Covering a wide-range of topics from the history of the Heimlich manoeuvre to stories about the science of speed, the well-loved podcast frequently tops the "must listen" lists.

Star Talk:

Internet-famous Neil deGrasse Tyson, pictured, keeps science cool by tapping into celebs for his (nearly) weekly podcast. Despite the name, Tyson doesn't just talk space — he also explores the science of "doing it."



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Twitter



whiff of a weird smell and I don't want to know what it is."

@metropicks asked:

The emoticon marks its 31st anniversary. What's the one emotion for which you wish there was an emoticon?

@FrenchmanCanada: The "I was just being polite, I don't want you to send me more pictures of your DIY project" emoticon.

@CedricRichards: That one emotion for when you feel like a 90s kid

@AnneHayward2: walking on clouds; yearning/longing; dreaming; lots of them!

@NodalesA51: The "I just caught a

@sheldoncoelho: "Thank you, Sorry and Please" because emoting it is easier than saying it. #JustSaying

@dsteeley7: Straight-up unambiguous sarcasm. So many problems would be solved with a universally known/recognized sarcasm face

@Lissa3116: I think a drooling emoticon. #imweird #needitsometimes

@TravelWandering: Emoticon for "this conversation is OVER"

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Better than high school

Shakespeare. Neptune Theatre's 51st season opens with the gift of the Comedy of Errors



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Remember high school English class?

You cast your eyes to the floor — avoiding the selective gaze of our teacher.

You peep up for just a moment and BAM — you're forced to read aloud from one of William Shakespeare's classic plays.

Hamlet, A Mid Summer's Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet — you know, the one with Leonardo DiCaprio — it didn't matter; they all sounded the same.

According David Leyshon, who returns to Neptune Theatre for this season's opener A Comedy of Errors, this experience is all-too common.

"These plays aren't meant to be just read or studied so we get these experiences as young people and we push it off as hard and weird," Leyshon told me as we chatted in the lobby of the Neptune Theatre.

"So our challenge as



David Leyshon is Antipholus of Syracuse in Neptune Theatre's production of A Comedy of Errors. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Details

- **What?** Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors
- **When?** Opens Friday and runs through Oct. 13
- **Where?** Neptune Theatre

actors, when we are confronted with this language, is to make sure it doesn't sound weird — it's just a heightened language that sometimes uses a few more words to express an idea than we're used to."

Written around the same time as Richard III, this light-hearted, farcical comedy is one of Shakespeare's more

approachable works.

"This is an early play that he wrote to be fun," said Leyshon, a Saskatchewan native poised to play part of a set of twins who are constantly mistaken for one another.

"Comedy is in the title — it's meant to be easy to grasp on to and you don't have to think too hard."

Though light in theme,

this piece still comes from the mind of Shakespeare and with it, Leyshon says, a gift.

"Besides the fact that these plays deal with universal themes — and that's probably why they have been around for hundreds of years — they deal with things that are hard-wired into our humanity," he said.

"Shakespeare plays are kind of like presents with such rich language — not only the construct of the language but the imagery that the language evokes — ultimately actors revel in language, so there is really no greater gift."

For tickets to the show, be sure to visit neptunetheatre.com.

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Michael C. Hall says he will miss the decisiveness of his character Dexter. CONTRIBUTED

His killing time is over

Dexter. As the series draws to a close, Michael C. Hall reflects on his complex character

tracks. The narrative device made it possible for viewers to tolerate, even like, someone who did reprehensible things.

"He's so far from anything I experienced him to be at the beginning," Hall said over lunch, a few weeks after filming the 96th and final episode of the series that began in 2006.

"He's the same character, but he's in many ways a different person," Hall said. "He had successfully compartmentalized efficient killing and convinced himself that he is, in fact, incapable of authentic human emotion when we first met him. But that all falls apart, slowly but surely."

Dexter Morgan's life seemed well-ordered at first glance, including the serial killer thing. That turned out to be unsustainable.

As Dexter reaches its finale, to air on Showtime Sunday at 9 p.m. Eastern, the character portrayed by actor Michael C. Hall is no longer strictly ruled by the code set down by his adoptive father upon noticing his son craved killing.

Dexter was told only to murder people who are proven killers themselves and likely to kill again, and to thoroughly cover his

Without the writers providing challenges, Dexter ran the risk of becoming an unimaginative murder-of-the-week procedural. Dexter's boundaries were most severely tested at the end of the fourth season when his wife, Rita, was killed and in season six when his half-sister, Debra (real life ex-wife Jennifer Carpenter), saw him knifing someone in the chest.

"I've always thought that it was more interesting to challenge the audience's affection for the character and to move him into choppy waters," Hall said.

He can appreciate people who say they like his work in Dexter. People who say they like Dexter is something else entirely, although Hall has his theories about those fans.

"We live in a world where we have an increasing sense that we're not in control

... and Dexter, in his micro way, controls his universe and that is very appealing to some people," he said. "We all have a sense of injustice in the world, and Dexter is certainly exacting some form of justice within the confines of his own."

Of course, he said, "maybe it's not that deep. Maybe people have murderous impulses they don't act upon and enjoy watching somebody who gets away with it."

Dexter is going out strong. Ratings are higher during the current eighth and last season than they've ever been. That's a familiar pattern for many critically-acclaimed cable series that see their audiences grow as new fans discover the stories and binge on them while the show is on hiatus.

The series was pivotal to Showtime's development, said Matthew Blank, the network's chief executive. "It really felt like this is what Showtime should be," he said. Homeland and Ray Donovan may not have existed without its example.

Showtime will look for ways to keep the character alive even after Dexter ends, Blank said. He wasn't clear on how that would happen.

Hall, 42, is measured in how he makes sure to say nothing revealing in advance about the finale. ("Some people will be happy with it, some people will be troubled by it," he said. "Perhaps some people will be a combination of those things.")

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How will the cards fall on Emmy Awards night?

Predictions. It's a historic year in the world of TV awards, with House of Cards the first online show to nab a nomination

Emmy Awards crystal-ball gazing was so much easier in the old days, circa the last few years: ABC's Modern Family would be honoured as best comedy series and a cable show, Homeland or Mad Men or such, would win best drama.

Modern Family may earn its fourth consecutive trophy at Sunday's ceremony. But the drama picture is murkier because of Netflix's House of Cards, the first online program to be nominated for top series honours under a 2007 Emmy rule allowing digital contenders.

"We didn't believe it would take as long as six years-plus for the world to start looking to this new explosion of original content," said Rob Barnett, who moved his career from cable (MTV, VH1) to online as founder and CEO of My Damn Channel. "But it's clearly happening."

Whether House of Cards will actually claim the trophy is another matter. It took more than a decade before a cable show, HBO's Sex and the City, prevailed as a top series winner; in an impatient world, might House of Cards compress the time frame?

Or it is possible that astute Emmy voters smacked their foreheads, realized they had yet to crown AMC's Breaking Bad as TV's best drama and made amends? They should have, we



Will Breaking Bad take home the win for best drama series? CONTRIBUTED

say in unison. Here are some predictions for the 8 p.m. EDT ceremony on CBS hosted by Neil Patrick Harris — who, no Ouija board needed, will be reliably outstanding.

Drama series

Should win: Breaking Bad. It's at the height of its power, and Walter White knows where you live.

Will win: House of Cards. Ambitious politician trumps ambitious drug dealer in Washington-bedazzled Hollywood.

Comedy series

Should win: Louie. Life can be brutal, but also brutally funny in Louis C.K.'s hands.

Will win: Modern Family. It's comfortably amusing and academy voters like it, they really like it.

Actor, drama series

Should win: Jon Hamm, Mad Men. Don Draper finally confronts his pain and what he's done to others. Hamm's trophy is even more overdue.

Will win: Kevin Spacey, House of Cards. Take that, movies! TV is better than ever, and honouring a visiting big-screen star drives the point home.

Actress, drama series

Should win: Kerry Washington, Scandal. She offers a powerhouse performance that keeps the madcap series spinning but not out of control.

Will win: Kerry Washington, Scandal. Don't overthink what will be an unprecedented African-American victory; she simply deserves it.

Supporting actor, drama series

Should win: Bobby Cannavale, Boardwalk Empire. Of course he can bring a fresh spin to a gangster role; what can't this actor do?

Will win: Aaron Paul, Breaking Bad. His character's vulnerability is habit-forming, and he's poised for his third consecutive win.

Supporting actress, drama series

Should win: Christina Hendricks, Mad Men. When the going got tougher so did her character, and Hendricks soared.

Will win: Anna Gunn, Breaking Bad. It's the embattled Mrs. White's turn to shine.

Actor, comedy series

Should win: Don Cheadle, House of Lies. There was a reason for his upset Golden Globe victory over Alec Baldwin and other past winners.

Will win: Louis C.K., who made the sad clown irresistible.

Actress, comedy series

Should win: Laura Dern, Enlightened. If you're looking for layered humanity in any character, she's your woman.

Will win: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Veep. She wears power and the lunacy of ambition well. Elaine who?

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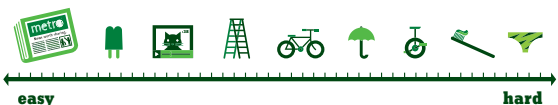
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Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Public showers aren't really Paltrow's thing

And here we thought the people who brought flip-flops to wear in the gym shower were high maintenance — but they don't touch Paltrow. The actress reportedly has an assistant

go in and wipe down her gym's shower before she uses it.

"She refuses to touch what she calls 'somebody else's shower water,'" a source says.



Liam Hemsworth

Hemsworth gets lucky in Las Vegas

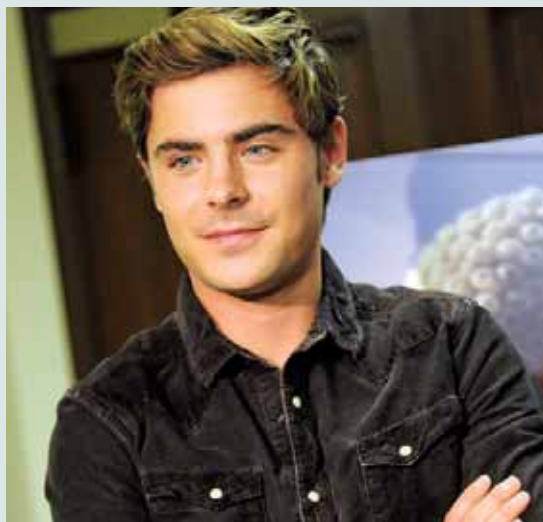
Liam Hemsworth seems to be taking his split from fiancée Miley Cyrus quite well. The Paranoia actor reportedly hit it off with singer-actress Eiza Gonzalez in Las Vegas after they had "just met," chatting over drinks at a nightclub,

according to TMZ. And back in L.A., Hemsworth was spotted stopping by her apartment to drop off a piece of luggage — and engaged in quite the passionate lip-lock in the parking garage.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



It was cocaine, not booze that sent Efron to rehab: reports

THE WORD

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Zac Efron's people came clean yesterday and said that he'd recently completed a stint in rehab for alcohol abuse.

However, that burst of honesty may have been a bit of sleight of hand to distract from something they still didn't want to talk about: It was reportedly cocaine, not alcohol

(or not just alcohol), that drove the once squeaky clean High School Musical star to seek treatment.

According to TMZ, Efron's problem was at its worst this spring, when he missed several days of filming on Seth Rogen's *Neighbors* due to his cocaine abuse.

Uh... so? I mean yeah, cocaine's illegal and a harder drug, but am I the only one surprised that this is such a big deal?

Addiction is addiction, and he's in treatment for whatever it was. Also, everyone in Hollywood seems to do drugs.

Betty White probably does drugs. How else could she be so perky at her age?

Twitter



@aplusk

Yesterday was today's author and today will be tomorrow's but we each hold our own pen.



@lenadunham

You guys, not trying to brag but I was in an elevator with a model.



@SethRogen

"If you pedal uphill enough, peddling flat feels like going downhill." - Lance Armstrong's biography I'm writing in my head.



Madonna

What do you get the singer who has it all? A bong

Madonna didn't hold back when taking part in a recent Reddit Ask Me Anything session, fielding all sorts of questions from the online community. For example, the last dream she remembers having that she's willing to share? "Brad Pitt and I were living

together and there was a small blond child in the bed," she responded. "Sorry Angelina, it was only a dream." And how about the best birthday present she's ever received? "I got a bong in the shape of a penis," Madonna replied.

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My first fashion week

Even the most jaded, poker-faced fashion industry vets started out as bright-eyed youth excited to get a standing room only ticket. We asked a few seasoned insiders to recall the moment of their first entry into fashion's hallowed runway shows.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lara Mullen, model

"Having been scouted by my model agency Premier two weeks before the shows, I suddenly found myself en-route to New York with a set of polaroids and my auntie Wendy. Many surreal moments followed which certainly got the adrenaline pumping! From balancing in sky scraper heels at Alexander Wang (my very first show), to walking the Prada Milan exclusive to Gisele coming to my rescue at Givenchy, after the strap of my shoe broke!"



Dani Stahl, style editor-at-large at NYLON

"Whilst interning at Elle magazine I was writing my senior college paper on Betsey Johnson, so my boss took me into the show. I stood all the way in the back and desperately tried to take pictures. I could barely even see but I thought it was the greatest thing that could ever happen."

Sam McKnight, hair stylist

"The year 1985 in London was all very 'ab fab.' There was a lot of attention on all the club culture and the New Romantics. For Katharine Hamnett's first show we did these kind of flick-up, Miss Moneypenney-style wigs. Afterwards Lynne Franks, the PR guru (and my agent at the time) threw Katharine a big party at a warehouse in Covent Garden. Lynne made me go home and get one of the wigs from the show so she could wear it. We couldn't find the headband that went with it so Lynne ended up using a tea towel wrapped around her head. That kind of sums up the energy of the time. It was just about having fun. The whole thing was incredibly creative."



Fred Butler, designer

"I was interning for AsFOUR in 2001 when they had an exhibition at Colette during Paris Fashion Week. They took me everywhere with them that week and it involved a lot of partying. As a student from Brighton it was ridiculously exciting. The first night I found myself being interviewed by Jeremy Scott for MTV who was asking me what my favourite thing about Paris Fashion Week was. Surrounded by the camera crew, I couldn't answer. I was in shock by the whole surreal situation."

Tom Pecheux, makeup artist

"I was assisting at a Chloé show that featured all the supermodels like Christy, Naomi, Linda and Claudia. They all wanted their makeup done by the lead makeup artist or the other assistant that they already knew. No one wanted me so I went to get a coffee. When I came back Christy Turlington was sitting on my chair. I asked her if she was waiting for someone to do her makeup and she said, 'No, you can do it if you want.' I was so happy but also so afraid. My hands were shaking the entire time. Christy isn't only a beautiful model, she's also a wonderful person."



Fragrance for a cause

Invent your own essence

Fragrance company The 7 Virtues will launch its new Custom Blend Box this Saturday to coincide with International Day of Peace. The set allows users to create their own signature peace fragrance and will include four fragrances made with natural essential oils sourced from Haiti, Afghanistan, Israel and Iran. The 7 Virtues fragrances support nations rebuilding after war or strife. The set will be available at Hudson's Bay stores across Canada. **METRO**

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Barbora Architect

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Her inspiration

"Comfort, first and foremost. I also love neutral shades such as black and greys."

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Trends Report

- Fall fashion events are a good indication of the trends to come in Spring and Summer 2014. Go online to Trends Report to see which colourful trend I've zeroed in on from New York and London fashion weeks and let me know if you like it or not.

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TRENDS

Warm up to chilly weather in style

Got a light, airy decor and want to make it warm and cozy for the fall? Use neutral colours like grey, black and brown and add a few textures here and there; you'll have a space that looks just as stylish throughout the winter as it did last summer.



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Chicken Chili Burritos prove guilt-free fast food does exist

These burritos are still a bit of an indulgence, but ground chicken lightens the filling.

1. In large saucepan, heat 1 tbsp of the oil over medium-high heat; cook chicken, breaking up with spoon, until no longer pink, about 8 minutes. Drain fat from pan. Transfer chicken to bowl and set aside.

2. In same saucepan, heat remaining oil over medium heat; cook onion, garlic, oregano and salt until soft, 3 minutes. Stir in tomato paste; cook 1 minute.

3. Return chicken to pan. Add tomatoes and chili powder; bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium; simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened, about 15 minutes.

4. Spoon chili onto centre of each tortilla; sprinkle with Cheddar. Fold in bottom and sides; roll up. Place, seam side down, on greased baking sheet.

5. Broil burritos, about 6 inches (15 cm) from heat, until crisp and golden, about 10 minutes

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Ingredients

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 lb (450 g) ground chicken
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 can (28 oz/796 ml) diced tomatoes
- 3 tbsp chili powder
- 4 large flour tortillas
- 3/4 cup shredded Cheddar



This recipe serves four to six. YVONNE DUIVENVOORDEN

Cookbook of the Week

Best and easy, too



CBC Television and Canadian Living have teamed up again to offer foodies a second volume of the Best Recipes Ever cookbook.

Chapters in the sequel to the show's (Best Recipes Ever airs weekdays on CBC TV at 3 p.m.) best-selling book include: Weeknight Dinners, Weekend Dinners, Light & Lovely, Rise & Shine, On the Go and Sweet Treats.

Meanwhile, among the specific recipes are Cioppino, Tangine of Beef with Prunes, Raspberry Chipotle Wings, Frozen Peanut Butter Pie and more. **METRO**

Blondies have more fun



This recipe makes 16 pieces. JODI PUDGE

"The gooey caramel topping for these Blondies is so easy — all you need are soft caramels and water," write the experts from The Canadian Living Test Kitchen in Best Recipes Ever Vol. 2. "Look for these individually wrapped sweets in bulk food stores or in bags in the candy aisle."

1. In large bowl, beat butter with brown sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time; beat in vanilla.

2. Whisk together flour, coconut, baking powder and salt; stir into butter mixture. Spread in parchment paper-lined 8-inch (2 L) square cake pan.

3. Bake in 325 F (160) oven until cake tester inserted in centre comes out with a

Nutritional analysis

Each of the following values per piece is approximate.

- 194 calories
- 8 g total fat
- 30 g carbs

few crumbs clinging, about 35 minutes. Let cool in pan on rack.

4. Caramel Topping: In saucepan, melt caramels with 2 tbsp water over medium-low heat until smooth. Drizzle over cooled blondies. Refrigerate for 20 minutes. (Make-ahead: Wrap in plastic wrap and store for up to 24 hours)

5. Cut into squares.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1 1/4 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt

Caramel Topping

- 10 caramel candies
- 2 tbsp water

Lunch. Smoked Ham, Brie & Cranberry Sandwiches



This recipe serves two. RYAN BROOK

"The cranberry sauce or onion marmalade in this sandwich definitely makes it one for adults," write the experts from The Canadian Living Test Kitchen in Best Recipes Ever Vol. 2.

"For a more kid-friendly lunch, use a fruit spread in-

stead."

1. Spread cranberry sauce over cut sides of bottom halves of rolls. Divide ham and Brie cheese evenly over cranberry sauce; top with lettuce. Sandwich with tops of rolls.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp whole-berry cranberry sauce or onion marmalade
- 2 whole wheat kaiser rolls, halved
- 4 oz (115 g) thinly sliced smoked ham
- 2 oz (55 g) Brie cheese, sliced
- 2 leaves lettuce

Home purchase price. Be wary of hidden fees



LESLEY SCORGIE
For Metro

Homebuyers, prepare yourselves. Experts recommend setting aside approximately two to three per cent of a home's purchase price for "hidden" fees such as:

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Land transfer tax: This is

likely the most expensive aspect of closing costs for a resale home, which is typically less than two per cent of the value of the property. It is a provincial or municipal fee for a change in real estate ownership.

Closing adjustments: Disbursements are property expenses that sellers have paid and need to be reimbursed for such things as utilities, municip-

pal property tax, and condo or maintenance fees.

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tor can advise on whether you should proceed with the purchase.

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Stats show that people who set financial goals are far more likely to achieve them compared with those who don't. SYDA PRODUCTIONS/COLOURBOX

Budget rules

Stats show that people who track their money and set financial goals are far more likely to achieve them compared with those who don't.

Homeowners, in particular, need a budget in order to track their expenses, of which there can be dozens each month, and ensure they don't wander financially astray.

Create a new spreadsheet or download a budget tracking tool from your bank's online website, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Mint.com, or Google documents.

Start by listing all your sources of monthly income — employment, freelance work, royalties, consulting, child support, alimony, government support, bottle returns, etc. Total it up.

Next, list your sources of expenses. But when you do this, put your mandatory expenses up top like retirement savings, mortgage payments, taxes, insurance, condo fees, loan payments, utility bills, home maintenance and groceries. Nice-to-have expenses, such as dinners out with friends, should be listed below. Total up

Increase your income

- If your budget is squeezed each month, increase your income and try the following — get a second job, work extra hours, take on freelance or consulting work, hock your possessions on Kijiji, get a roommate, or rent storage space.

your expenses.

When you subtract your total expenses from your total income, you have your bottom line. If you are in the red, you will need to cut back on nice-to-have expenses and/or increase your income.

As a homeowner, the biggest favour you can do yourself is budget for regular home maintenance like furnace cleaning, and plan for the unexpected like a water heater conking out or sink dripping through the floor. Most experts recommend you have between one and three months worth of salary set aside for "just-in-case" home expense surprises. **LESLEY SCORGIE**

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NFL

Gronk gears up for gridiron return

Rob Gronkowski says he's making significant progress, but won't say if he'll return for the Patriots' next game.

The star tight end has been sidelined the past two games after off-season forearm and back surgery. New England plays at home Sunday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Gronkowski participated in practice on a limited basis on Wednesday and said afterward that he'll play when he's told to.

The Patriots have managed to win their first two games by a total of five points while quarterback Tom Brady's rookie receivers have struggled to get to the spots where he's thrown the ball.

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Silver lining

Sinclair scores star on Walk of Fame

The accolades have poured in since Christine Sinclair's stirring performance at the 2012 London Olympics, but now Canada's top female soccer player will really be a star.

The Canadian team captain who held the country spellbound as she scored three times against the powerhouse United States in the Olympic soccer semifinals, and then made an impassioned denunciation of some questionable refereeing, is to be honoured with a star on Canada's Walk of Fame in Toronto on Saturday. The ceremony will be shown on Global TV on Oct. 27.

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Huskies coach Perry Marchese is looking for more offence out of his squad come Friday at Mount Allison against the Mounties. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Huskies still on the hunt for offence

AUS football. Still early in the season, Saint Mary's coach confident points will come



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If the Saint Mary's Huskies had just been OK offensively they could have beaten the Montreal Carabins on Saturday.

That's the way their head coach Perry Marchese sees it. It was a dismal showing, a minus-24 in total yards to be exact, in a disappointing 29-10 loss.

Although Huskies quarterback Ben Rossong wasn't at his best, completing seven of 18 attempts with three interceptions, Marchese says he had little to work with.

"I think Ben is disappointed," said Marchese. "But that was just a poor offensive performance. It didn't have as much to do with Ben as it did with everyone on offence. We dropped some balls, we missed some blocks, and we played a pretty good football team."

For the second game of the season, the Huskies (1-1) defence was solid, led by Matt Lalande's 8.5 tackles. But a few untimely interceptions late in the fourth quarter resulted in

Time for a turnaround

"If we continue to play like we have on offence deeper in the season, we're going to be in real trouble."

Saint Mary's Huskies coach Perry Marchese

10 Montreal points, which put the game out of reach.

But for the negatives, Marchese has seen his share of positives.

Rookie kicker Chase Kodejs continues to impress, and as Marchese says, perform like a veteran. Defensive backs Eric Black and Kayin Marchand-

Wright have gotten off to solid starts for the Huskies.

But it will take some time for the offence to ignite, with the departure of key players such as receivers Carl Fitzgerald and Jahmeek Taylor.

"There have been changes, big changes," said Marchese. "We have to adjust but it's not going to be easy."

The Huskies will hit the road to face the Mount Allison Mounties on Friday at 7 p.m.

In the meantime, Marchese said it's back to basics.

"We're going to have to find our groove a little bit and simplify a little bit and make sure we execute. But we have confidence that we'll get it going."

Yankees get Wells-earned win over Jays



The Yankees' Robinson Cano follows through on a base hit in front of the Jays' J.P. Arencibia on Wednesday at Rogers Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vernon Wells doubled in two runs to key a four-run eighth inning as the New York Yankees snapped a four-game losing streak on Wednesday with a 4-3 comeback win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Left-hander David Huff (3-1) allowed one run in 3 2/3 innings of relief to pick up the win. Mariano Rivera — who is retiring at the end of the season — pitched 1 1/3 innings to earn his 44th save of the

season.

Toronto (69-82) took a 3-0 lead into the eighth inning on the strength of home runs in the fourth inning by Colby Rasmus and Ryan Goins, the first of his major-league career.

Left-hander J.A. Happ had a strong start for the Blue Jays, striking out seven over seven innings. He was removed for left-hander Aaron Loup after Brendan Ryan led off the eighth with a double to start

the Yankees rally.

Curtis Granderson followed up Ryan's hit with a single and right-hander Steve Delabar replaced Loup and struck out Alex Rodriguez. Robinson Cano then singled in a run and Alfonso Soriano doubled in another run.

That set the stage for former Blue Jay Wells to double in two runs and give the Yankees a 4-3 lead.

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4 SPORTS

GSP generous with his fellow fighters

MMA. Welterweight champ kept up-and-comer Ricci on his toes in lead-up to UFC 165

They say iron sharpens iron, which augurs well for Mike Ricci at UFC 165 this weekend.

The 27-year-old lightweight from Montreal spent much of his 10-week training camp for American Myles (Fury) Jury working with UFC welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre.

The two have trained before but the busy St-Pierre was in Montreal for an extended period of time — “which is rare,” according to Ricci — that dovetailed with Ricci’s camp.

“He has been my main sparring partner for this fight,” Ricci said. “I’ve done most of my rounds this training camp with him.”

Not surprisingly, Ricci

Open ears

“I had some UFC jitters, but I spoke with GSP two days ago and he said, ‘Listen, get used to them because they never, ever go away.’”

Mike Ricci on advice given to him by Georges St-Pierre before his win over Colin Fletcher at March’s UFC 158 in Montreal.

(9-3) lost most of those rounds against the bigger man, who’s a champion to boot. But the 155-pounder says he began to steal the odd one.

“It feels good when you’re working and working and you win small battles here and there against guys like that,” he said. “You know you’ve been improving.”

Light-heavyweight titleholder Jon (Bones) Jones takes on Sweden’s Alexander (The Mauler) Gustafsson in Saturday’s main event at the Air

Canada Centre.

Ricci is one of seven Canadians on the undercard. Francis Carmont, a French middleweight who fights out of Montreal, is on the main card.

Ricci also trains with welterweight Rory (Ares) MacDonald, a close friend, at Montreal’s Tristar Gym.

Like GSP, MacDonald is preparing for a fight at UFC 167 in November. St-Pierre takes on No. 1 contender Johny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks in the main event at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas while No. 3 MacDonald faces No. 8 (Ruthless) Robbie Lawler.

Ricci says St-Pierre is more than generous with his time in the gym.

“It’s unreal. If Georges wanted to, he could just do his own thing and then leave,” said Ricci. “But he stays and he puts in work with guys. Not only just me because I have a fight coming up, he’ll work with everybody.”

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MacKinnon get his feet wet in first pre-season tilt

Avalanche centre Nathan MacKinnon, right, and Ducks defenceman Garnet Exelby scramble for position on Wednesday night in Denver. Cole Harbour’s MacKinnon, who was making his NHL pre-season debut, logged 15 minutes of ice time in the Avs’ 2-1 loss.

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NHL

Jets extend GM Cheveldayoff’s contract

The Winnipeg Jets are giving general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff the same security they give their star players as he tries to turn the team into a playoff contender.

The club extended Cheveldayoff’s contract through the 2017-18 season on Wednesday, a much longer deal than head coach Claude Noel was given in the off-season. His contract will expire at the end of next season.

Cheveldayoff was named to the position in June 2011 as the Jets relocated to Winnipeg from Atlanta.

In his two seasons with the team, the Jets have an overall record of 61-56-13 but missed the playoffs both years.

Cheveldayoff spent two seasons as assistant general manager of the Chicago Blackhawks before joining the Jets. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NFL

RG3 ready to run more to spark winless Redskins

Look for Robert Griffin III to start running again.

The Washington Redskins quarterback said Wednesday that he might start running the ball more to help give his team a much-needed spark after an 0-2 start.

“It’s not that I want to run more, I just feel like that’s what we need,” Griffin said. “If that’s what it takes to win games, then I’m willing to do that.”

Griffin has carried the ball only nine times in two games, and he’s yet to run the ball out of the zone-read, the type of play that befuddled defences and helped him set a rookie QB rushing record with 815 yards a year ago.

Griffin said he isn’t hindered by the brace on his right knee, a reminder of his off-season surgery. Teammate Pierre Garcon says it’s “common sense” that the brace would slow Griffin down, and Griffin responded by jokingly challenging Garcon to a race.

The Redskins play Detroit on Sunday.

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PGA. Tiger backs closer look at TV viewer call-ins on rules violations

Tiger Woods was asked twice about his position on television viewers able to call in possible rules infractions. He never answered that question directly.

That’s not to suggest he had nothing to say about the role of TV.

Woods, who met with PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem before his news conference Wednesday at the Tour Championship, said there needs to be a time limit on calling in potential infractions. He also stated the obvious — that he’s on TV a lot more than anyone else.

“I think with HDTV, I think that’s been a huge transition,” Woods said. “I think that there are certainly a lot more viewer call-ins, and I think what people don’t realize is that our rules staff gets quite a few calls every week. A lot of them never see the light of day, but they’re handled with the players.”

“It’s a new age in which there is a lot of cameras that are around — well, around my group and then some of the top players,” he said. “I think the commissioner was right. We’re going to have to



Tiger Woods isn’t totally opposed to TV viewers calling in rules infractions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

have more discussions about it in the future. I think that’s actually happening right now.”

Finchem had said Tuesday that one of the issues is determining when it would be reasonable to accept outside information, and he raised the notion of a time limit.

Finchem said the tour will “probably be taking another harder look” after the season, though he might have been talking about the impact of television more than the viewer calling in.

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	92	61	.601	—
Tampa Bay	83	68	.550	8
Baltimore	81	70	.536	10
New York	80	72	.526	11½
Toronto	69	82	.457	22

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	88	64	.579	—
Cleveland	82	70	.539	6
Kansas City	80	72	.526	8
Minnesota	65	86	.430	22½
Chicago	60	92	.395	28

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	89	63	.586	—
Texas	82	69	.543	6½
Los Angeles	74	78	.487	15
Seattle	67	85	.441	22
Houston	51	100	.338	37½

Wednesday’s results

N.Y. Yankees 4 Toronto 3
Seattle 8 Detroit 0
Baltimore 5 Boston 3 (12 inn.)
Kansas City 7 Cleveland 2
Minnesota 4 Chicago White Sox 3
L.A. Angels 5 Oakland 4 (11 inn.)
Tampa Bay 4 Texas 3 (12 inn.)
Cincinnati at Houston

Tuesday’s results

Toronto 2 N.Y. Yankees 0
Baltimore 3 Boston 2
Cincinnati 10 Houston 0
Texas 7 Tampa Bay 1
Oakland 2 L.A. Angels 1
Chicago White Sox 4 Minnesota 3
Cleveland 5 Kansas City 3
Detroit 6 Seattle 2

Thursday’s games — All times Eastern

Seattle (Paxton 2-0) at Detroit (Fister 12-9), 1:08 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 6-9) at Cleveland (Jimenez 12-9), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 11-11) at Toronto (Redmond 3-2), 7:07 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 12-9) at Tampa Bay (Moore 15-3), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 16-6) at Boston (Lackey 9-12), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Correa 9-12) at Oakland (Straily 10-7), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	90	62	.592	—
Washington	81	71	.533	9
Philadelphia	71	81	.467	19
New York	68	83	.450	21½
Miami	56	96	.368	34

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	89	63	.586	—
Pittsburgh	87	65	.572	2
Cincinnati	86	66	.566	3
Milwaukee	68	83	.450	20½
Chicago	63	89	.414	26

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	87	64	.576	—
Arizona	76	74	.507	10½
San Diego	71	80	.470	16
San Francisco	70	82	.461	17½
Colorado	69	84	.451	19

Wednesday’s results

San Diego 3 Pittsburgh 2
Atlanta 5 Washington 2
N.Y. Mets 5 San Francisco 4
Miami 4 Philadelphia 3 (10 inn.)
Milwaukee 7 Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 4 Colorado 3
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona

Tuesday’s results

San Francisco 8 N.Y. Mets 5
San Diego 5 Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 11 Colorado 4
Washington 6-4 Atlanta 5-0
Philadelphia 6 Miami 4
Milwaukee 4 Chicago Cubs 3
L.A. Dodgers 9 Arizona 3

Thursday’s games

All times Eastern
San Diego (Kennedy 6-9) at Pittsburgh (Cole 8-7), 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 12-9) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 7-7), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 2-2) at Milwaukee (Lohse 10-9), 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 3-1) at Colorado (Oswalt 0-6), 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Nolasco 13-10) at Arizona (Miley 10-10), 3:40 p.m.
Miami (Alvarez 4-4) at Washington (Strasburg 7-9), 7:05 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Toronto	11	7	4	0	321	288	14
Hamilton	11	5	6	0	288	303	10
Montreal	11	4	7	0	259	321	8
Winnipeg	11	2	9	0	224	333	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Calgary	11	9	2	0	346	268	18
Saskatchewan	11	8	3	0	354	258	16
B.C.	11	7	4	0	301	280	14
Edmonton	11	2	9	0	259	301	4

Friday’s game — All times Eastern

Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Saturday’s games

Montreal vs. Hamilton (at Moncton), 4 p.m.

Toronto at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday’s game

B.C. at Saskatchewan, 4:30 p.m.

NFL

Thursday’s game — All times Eastern

Kansas City at Philadelphia, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday’s games

Tampa Bay at New England, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Arizona at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 4:25 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.
Monday’s game
Oakland at Denver, 8:40 p.m.

MLS

Friday’s game — All times Eastern

Colorado at Portland, 10 p.m.

Saturday’s games

Vancouver at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Chivas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday’s game
Dallas at New York, 5 p.m.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

It is important that you keep your thinking simple today. Don't go confusing people, or yourself, with ideas that are too big to grasp. You are already heading in the right direction.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You must not compromise your position, no matter how much pressure you may be under from those you work or do business with. Stay calm and simply refuse to budge.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may be tempted to push ahead with a project you know friends and family are unlikely to agree with, if only to remind them that you are in charge. But is it worth the bother? The full moon says it's not.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You don't have to crack jokes every two minutes to keep others amused. The moon, your ruler, endows you with a wonderful sense of humour but it should be used sparingly.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Do you listen to the part of your mind that urges caution or do you listen to the part that says "take a risk"? Only you can decide but be aware that today's full moon could easily make a fool out of you.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Partners may be critical of what you are doing but if you are smart, you will listen to what they say today because in among all the wrong-headed comments is one that has a grain of truth in it.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The more you complain about something, the worse it gets, so take the hint and shut up. It's quite possible that someone is being difficult for no other reason than they enjoy the negative way you respond.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Don't give up on something because it isn't progressing as fast as you would like. It would be a shame to waste all the time and effort you have put into it. Come back to it later.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The full moon warns you could find yourself caught in the middle of someone else's war. There is no right side or wrong side in this dispute, so steer clear. It's not your fight.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It's unlikely you will achieve much over the next 24 hours, so don't push too hard. Even a Capricorn needs to recharge their batteries once in a while, so plug in to the full moon and fill up on lunar energy.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

No matter how confident a friend sounds, you are advised not to be taken in by their latest big plan, especially if it involves your money in some way. There can be only one loser.

Pisces

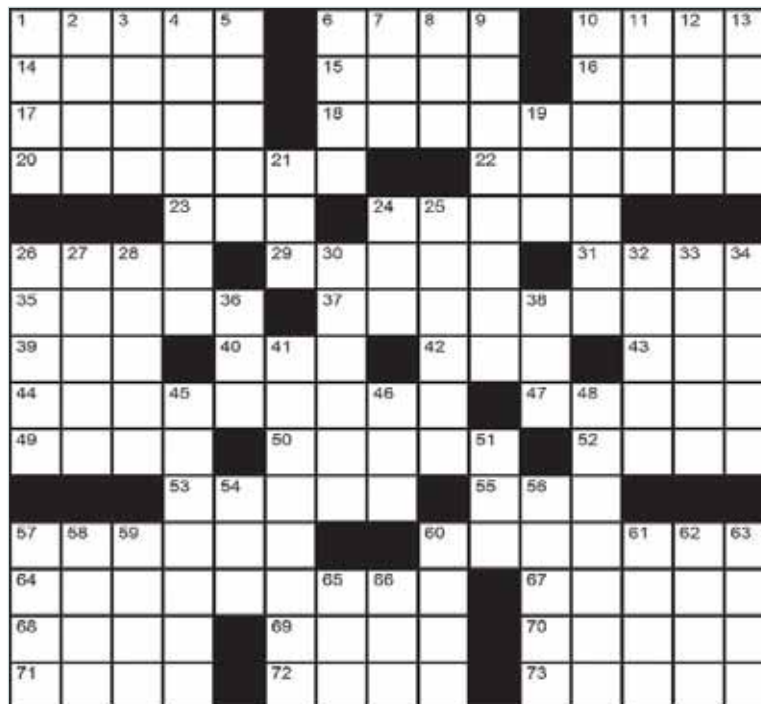
Feb. 20 - March 20

The moon is full in your sign today, which is good in some ways and not so good in others. You will be more active and ambitious but watch out you don't lose touch with reality. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Mr. Lundgren of "Rocky IV" (1985)
- Cartoon co-star of Phineas
- US state
- Dean Martin's "That's ___"
- Succulent plant
- ___ Jury (Mickey Spillane novel)
- Revolving mechanism
- Newfoundland seafood delicacy: 2 wds.
- Bilingual community of Winnipeg, St. ___
- Overly long sentences
- Actress, Lucy ___
- Literary genre
- Celebrity
- Welcome
- Bit of jazz
- Articles
- 'O' of TSO (Classical music!)
- Gr. Neil Young joined
- Howe'er
- PC 'key'
- Have a bug
- Miner hats attachments
- Farm mounds
- Naturalness
- Skin products giant
- Ancient harp
- "Star Wars" (1977) role, Darth ___
- Mr. Linden



- TV show
- Asks to the party
- Some of a Tim Hortons 'double double': 2 wds.
- Dionne Warwick's "___ Little Prayer"
- Same: French
- To ___ it may concern...
- Old tales

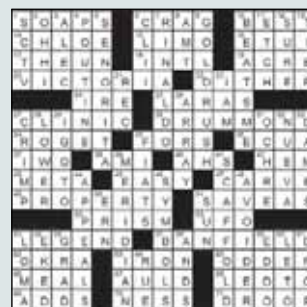
- "___ bien!"
- Puppy bites
- By ___ (How close races are won)
- Down
- "Oh, fudge!"
- 1847 Herman Melville story
- J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy, commonly
- Something to be

- solved
- "___ stand, head in hand..." - The Beatles
- Datum
- "Turn to Stone" gr.
- Mr. Stewart
- Becomes engaged, 1800s-style
- 'Find Fabulous For Less' store in Canada

- "Let ___" by Luba: 2 wds.
- Cast out
- So-so grades
- 'Danger' suffix
- Floor covering
- For each
- Withdraw from a court case
- Archival 'sheet' at the library

- Between harbours: 2 wds.
- Ms. Suvari's
- Dorm sharer
- Po River locale
- Skillet user, variantly
- Bogus
- Letters on a Cardinals player's baseball cap
- Wane
- Like intricate details on haute couture garments
- Gadgets
- TV's modern-day VCR
- Sackville, NB's Mount ___ University
- "Kung Fu" actor, Philip ___
- ___ Lingus (Ireland's flyer)
- "Canadian Idol" Season 4 champion, Eva ___
- Charge card printout, briefly
- Water carrier
- Ancient empire
- Belief systems
- Root vegetable
- Optometrist's study
- Mailing request, commonly
- Sushi tuna
- Floor cleaner

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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